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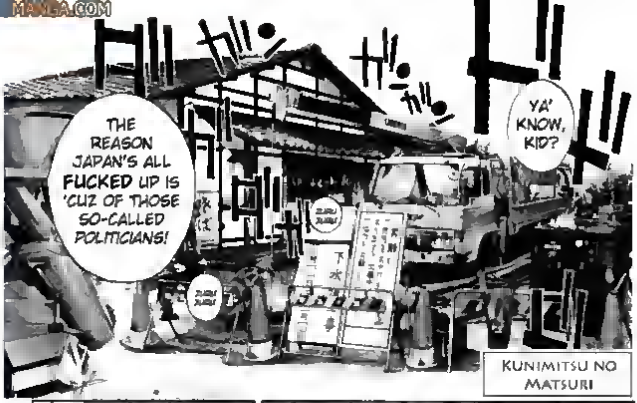

THOSE POLITICAL FUCKS AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' ON THEIR MINDS BUT CORPORATE PAYOFFS AND CAMPAIGN VOTES FROM THE FOLKS THAT OWE 'EM.
WASTIN' TAX MONEY MADE AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR SWEAT AND BLOOD! STOPPIN' UP TRAFFIC WITH USELESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ALL...

I'M TELLIN' YA IT'S YA CUSHY TAXES FROM THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES
TAKE THAT CONSTRUCTION UP FRONT THERE, FER EXAMPLE. EVERY FRIGGIN' WEEK, THE GOVERNMENT'S ROOSIN' AWAY SOMEWHERE FER GOD KNOWS WHAT.

TOMORROW'S GONNA BE A BRIGHTER DAY FER ALL OF JAPAN, EH?
GAN DO
GAN DO
DO

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GOGOGO
LAST WEEK WE DUG FROM HERE TO THAT TREE OVER THERE
EXAMINED ALL THE PIPELINES THOR-OUGHLY
CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN
POLITICIAN
HMM
SO SIR... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU HAVE A POINT SIR. ALL OF THE TILES SHOULD BE REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE I'M THINKING OF USING A MORE DURABLE TYPE THIS TIME LIKE THAT NEW BRAND THEY CAME OUT WITH RECENTLY
RATHER DANGEROUS FOR PEDES-TRIANS, DON'T YOU THINK?
WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT? THERE'S A CORNER MISSING TO THIS TILE HERE!
VOTING CITIZENS COULD INJURE THEMSELVES SEVERELY BECAUSE OF AN OVERSIGHT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS.
BRILLIANT CHOICE! OUR HUMBLE COMPANY SHALL POST THE BILL TO YOUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!
POLITICIAN
HMM.
!?
SH?
CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN
SOME 10 TERM OF IT SUR. I KNOW'S LOOKIN' TO GET 'EM OF A SAMPLE INCLUDING WORTH ABOUT SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PER TSUBO*. BUT I THINK I CAN GIVE IT TO YOU FOR FREE.
I UNDER-STAND YOUR CONCERN, SIR.
HA! SHARI-TON'S BEEN NAGGING ME FOR A HOME OF HER OWN... HE'S GOT HIMSELF A FAMILY NOW YOU UNDER-STAND.
HMM... BUT IF A CHANGE IN TILE BUT UM, THE CON-STRUCTION PERMIT IS AS OF SUMM-THING
AS USUAL, ALL PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR OPEN BIDDING
YOU KNOW... TO BE FAIR TO THE OTHER CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES
NO, NO! WE CAN'T HAVE YOU SEND SO! FOREMAN, DON'T WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF ANYTHING SHADY SO YOU'LL
OFFICIAL
HEY! NON-STAFF AIN'T ALLOWED.. STOP AT ONCE! THE MIXERS GONNA..
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THREE FUCKS THINK YOU'RE DOIN'!?
CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN
UNDERSTATCH SIR
I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE TO YOU THEN!
OFFICIAL
POLITICIAN
WE... WELL, OF CLEARLY AVAILABLE AS USUAL!
HOW MUCH PER? (HAND RED TSUBO?) DOUBT!
NO NEED TO BE SO AGGRESSIVE, MISTER FOREMAN. I'M WILLING TO PAY

*TSUBO = 3.31 SQUARE METERS

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DO DO DO DO DO DO
MUTOU KUNIMITSU IS HERE TO CHANGE THE WORLD!!
RAA—AR, GET OUTTA MY WAY!!

GET THAT NUTCASE OFF THE TRUCK!! THERE'S SOMEBODY STUCK IN THE CEMENT!
KA-KANKITA SENSEI!
COUGH COUGH
COUGH
THE COPS! SOMEBODY CALL THE FUCKING COPS!
WH-WHY DO I GOTTA PAY?
OVER THERE!!
AFTER HIM!
YOU'VE GOT TWELVE BOXES OF SOBA ON YER BILL TRYING TO SKIP OUT ARE WE?
WAIT UP, MISTER.
AIN'T MY BUSINESS
AH-AH, THIS AIN'T GOT NUTTIN' TO DO WITH ME
FWL

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WE'LL GO THIS WAY!
HUH? WHERE'D HE GO?
WE FOLKS OF EDO ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF HOW FAST WE CAN HIGHTAIL IT OUTTA SCRAPES.
(NINTOM FOLKS UNDERSTATEMENTS "STATEN" KURAMETSU.
!
?
SU

*-<TRANSLATOR> STATEN IS ONE OF MANY RUBYHSAN/BRAHMANISM GODS AND IS KNOWN AS A FAST RUNNER >

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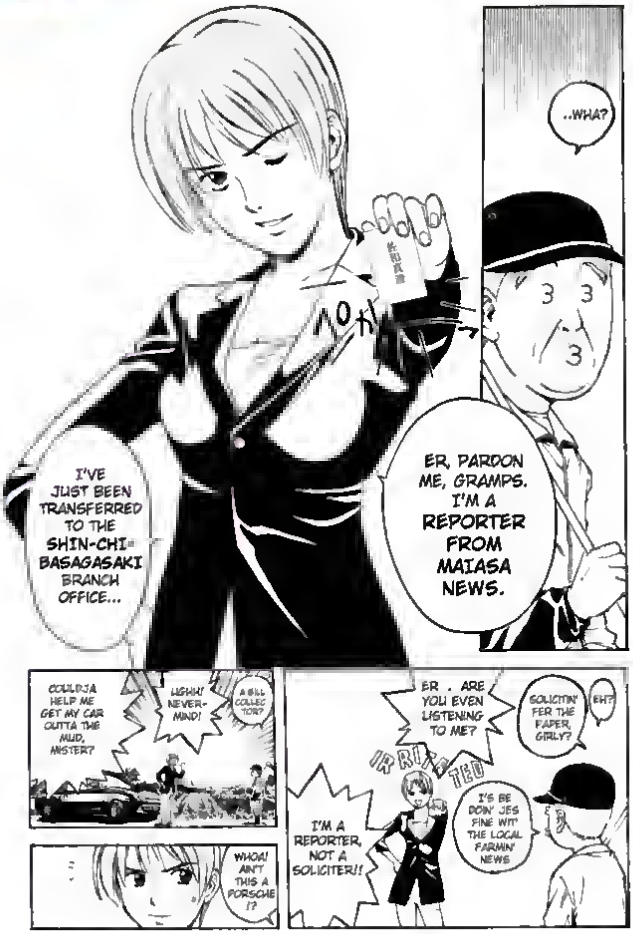
..WHA?
ER, PARDON ME, GRAMPS. I'M A REPORTER FROM MAIASA NEWS.
I'VE JUST BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE SHIN-CHI BASAGASAKI BRANCH OFFICE...
COULDJA HELP ME GET MY CAR OUTTA THE MUD, MISTER?
LISHIN! NEVER-MIND!
A BILL COLLECTOR?
ER . ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
SOLICITIN' FER THE PAPER, GIRLY?
EH?
I'M A REPORTER, NOT A SOLICITER!!
I'S BE DOIN' JES FINE WIT' THE LOCAL FARMIN' NEWS
WHOA! AIN'T THIS A PORSCHE!?

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!!
COOL-NESS
OI, OI! YOU THERE!! GET YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF MY PORSCHE!!
HESITATE...
THIS YOUR RIDE HERE MISSY?
TWITCH
EH?
NICE MODEL NEED HELP OR ANY-THING?
NO THANKS
YOU CAN DROP THE NICE GIRL ACT NOW
HMM
WE'RE AUTO MECH-ANICS
WE CAN GIVE YOU A HAND
LET GO OF ME!!
PAN
WAS THAT ATTITUDE BREAKU? I THINK I WAS
DEFI-NITELY

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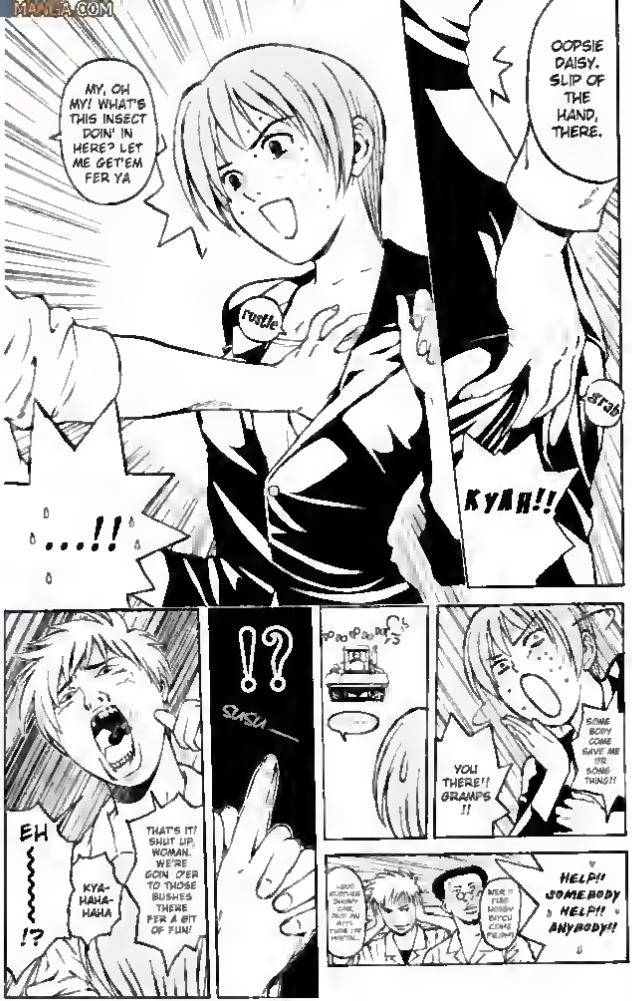
OOPSIE DAISY. SLIP OF THE HAND, THERE.
MY, OH MY! WHAT'S THIS INSECT DOIN' IN HERE? LET ME GET'EM FER YA
rustle
grab
KYAH!!
...!!
!?
SUSU
EH
!?
KYA-HAHA-HAHA
THAT'S IT! SHUT UP, WOMAN. WE'RE GOIN' O'ER TO THOSE BUSHES THERE FER A BIT OF FUN!
YOU THERE!! GRAMPS !!
SOME BODY COME SAVE ME OR SOME THING!!
HELP!! SOMEBODY HELP!! ANYBODY!!

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BOYS!
MY ! AREN'T WE THE GEN-TLEMEN NOW,

GOOD EH! THAT'S THE FRA-GRANCE OF HER FAVORITE YELLOW MAGIC BATH!
" OH MY FUCKIN' GOD!!

WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU SUP-POSED TA' BE!?
YOU MAY REFER TO ME AS DOCTOR TOILET!!
Saku
PU——N...

YOU GOT ANY CLUE WHO YER SCREWIN' WITH?
YOU AIN'T FROM AROUND 'ERE, ARE YOU, YANKEE?

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....
UHH, YEAH, BUT, ER, THIS ISN'T REALLY THE TIME TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS.
HEY, LADY HAVIN' A BIT OF CAR TROUBLE? LOOKS LIKE IT'S STUCK IN THE MUD
....

YOU IGNORIN' US, MUTHA FUCKA!!?
HAMAGUCHI KOUNOSUKE, OF THE GANG, AT YER SERVICE!!
I'M KAKUTA EISAKU, THE SHICHIDAIME CAPTAIN OF THE "YUMI-HAMA HOTROAD," THE STRONGEST BIKER GANG IN SHIN-CHIBAGASAKI!!! I'LL MAKE YA' REGRET CROSSIN' ME, PUNK!!
FROM NOW ON...
SHOULDN'T BE DRIVIN' ONE OF THESE LOW-BODY CARS ON THE MUD ROADS THEY HAVE HEREABOUT THESE RICE PADDIES. YER PRACTICALLY BOUND TO GET YERSELF STUCK!
LOW BODY?
GUN

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BE A BIT MORE CAREFUL ...
GWK
PIKI
PIKI
PIKI
MISHI
PIKU
'KAY?!

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GO GO N

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!?

WHO'D YOU SAY YOU WERE AGAIN, GUYS?
ANGER
CLAP
CLAP

OOSH
DA'ZUN...

OH, YEAH...

G-U-K
UHH—!?

JEE-JEE, YOU REMEMBER DIS GUY WE'LL GET YA NEXT TIME!!!
WHY IS IT THAT YOU'S ALWAYS COME UP WITH THESE BLA-TANTLY UNORIGINAL LINES?

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OUTTA SPECIAL RESPECT FER YOU TWO, I'LL TRY TA' REMEMBER YER FACES SO TA' HELP ME OUT. THOUGH, WHY DON'T YOU BOYS STICK AROUND AND PLAY WIT' ME FER A BIT?
YA SEE, MY SHORT-TERM MEMORY AIN'T ALL THAT GREAT...

GUSH
DOUBLE BACK
paf'n
DROP
!!
Gosha
baka

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MY POOR PORSCHE ~~~!
MY PORSCHE !!!
KYAA AAAA HHH HH!!!

GOSHA
ZURU ZURU ZURU
GON...
ZURU
AGH... SORRY MISS. I DON'T MEAN TO WRECK YER CAR LIKE THAT. I'LL BE SURE TO PAY YOU BACK...
HAMA?
...
...

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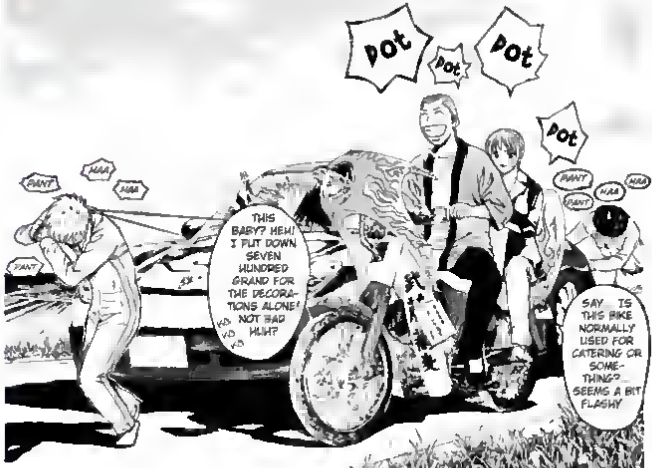
POT
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HAA
PANT
THIS BABY? HEH! I PUT DOWN SEVEN HUNDRED GRAND FOR THE DECORATIONS ALONE! NOT BAD HUH?
SAY IS THIS BIKE NORMALLY USED FOR CATERING OR SOME-THING?.. SEEMS A BIT FLASHY

HERE'S MY CARD BY THE WAY
I'M NOT TOO SURE ACTU-ALLY
WHERE WAS IT YOU SAID YOU WERE HEADED TOWARD AGAIN?

OI PICK IT UP THERE THIS AIN'T NO JOYRIDE YA KNOW?
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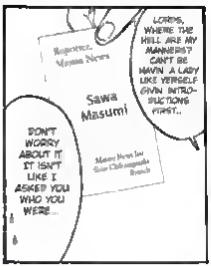
PANT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LORRIS, WHERE THE HELL ARE MY MANNERS? CAN'T BE MAKIN A LADY LIKE YERSELF GIVIN INTRO-DUCTIONS FIRST..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT IT ISN'T LIKE I ASKED YOU WHO YOU WERE...

HMMM.. SAWA MASUMI-SAN, A REPORTER FROM MAIASA NEWS...

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I'M THE MAN WHO'LL CHANGE JAPAN!
THE NAME'S KUNIMITSU. MUTOU KUNIMITSU.

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I'M EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
I WAS BORN NEAR THE COUNTLESS DISTRICTS OF THE CITY ISHIRO, THE SEVENTH SUCCESSOR OF THE HIGH-LEGENDARY MUTOU SOBA SHOP IN THE OLD TOWNSHIP
AS A NEWBORN I WAS BAPTIZED A TRUE CHILD OF GOD IN THE GREAT RIVER SUMIDA!
NICE TA MEET 'CHA!
AH NO I'M HERE FOR THE SAKE OF PURSUING MY AMBITIONS.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WAY OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE?
HMM HERE, HAVE A CATERPILLAR, I HUNG IT
HMM SO YOU'RE FROM TOKYO, ARE YOU?
YOU KNOW WHERE "AZEMICHI-CHO 1-9314" IS?
RIGHT WELL, IN ANY CASE...
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND HERE BUT RICE PADDIES. I DON'T SEE ANY DECENT-LOOKING BUILDINGS OR APARTMENTS AT ALL.
WHERE?
EHH!? NO IT COULDN'T BE...
O! KAKUEI! HAMAKOU!
WHERE'S AZEMICHI-CHO 1-9314?
DIDN'T YOU LOSE THE LICENSE, HUH?
VRR
THAT'S IT ISN'T IT PRINTHOUSE LADY?
AIN'T IT THAT BUILDIN' OVER THERE?

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I'M BEAUTIFUL, TALENTED YOUNG LADY OF GOOD LOOKS WHO'S BEEN TROUBLE-MAGNET HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THIS
THERE'S W-WHERE THE HUNT ME, YA PIG!

JUST REMEMBER, YOU'RE GONNA BE PAYIN' THE RENT LADY BACK FER HER CAR, K'AY?
OH YOU! WE'RES CAN GET SOM'
YA WISH!

AND PLEASE, MUTSUKI-KUN'S WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO REFRAIN FROM CALLING ME THAT IN THE FUTURE.
MY NAME'S SAWA.
SAWA MASUMI. YOU GOT THAT?

THE LEGENDARY SAWA MASUMI'S BEEN DELEGATED TO LIVE AND WORK IN SOME RANDOM, CON SHRINE-F WRECK IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE. WHAT THE HELL DOES CENTRAL TAKE ME FOR?
GAKU
ZUKE
IT'S A BIT SNOOTY, BUT I BETCHA YOU'LL BE CALLIN' THIS PLACE HEAVEN IN NO TIME, PRINTHOUSE LADY
IN ANY CASE, C'MON IN!
GA, GA, GA
ZUKE

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!?
EX...
EXCUSE ME.
ME?
UH... YOU ARE?
THE FLAT'S A BIT DINGY, BUT YOU'LL BE GETTIN USED TO ITS HOMELI-NESS SOON ENOUGH.
OH, HI C'MON IN!
HI. I'M SAWA MASUMI FROM MAIASA NEWS.
PUSH
THE NAME'S KUNIMITSU MUTOU KUNIMITSU. I'M EIGHTEEN YEARS OF..

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RIGHT
THE 1ST SECRETARY OF THE EX-PREFECTURAL SENATOR SAKAGAMI RYOMA AT YOUR SERVICE MY NAME IS SARUWATA ICHIRO
IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU MR. ?
OH, HELLO
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU PLEASE CALL ON MY SERVICE IF NEEDED
pishi
MANABLE
THAT IS, I RECEIVED PRIOR INFORMATION ON YOUR ARRIVAL HERE THIS AFTERNOON...
I SIMPLY FELT IT APPROPRIATE TO GREET YOU UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.
NO, NO, NO! I WAS NOT ASK FOR FAVORS.
SO, CAN I DO ANY THING FOR YOU?
REPORTER WAMBLICK WAS VERY KIND TO US AND I FELT IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH HIS REPLACEMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. YOU UNDERSTAND.
I SEE.
YES MISS. THAT WAS LARGELY MY INTENT. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SIMPLIFY
IN OTHER WORDS YOU'RE JUST HERE TO SAY HI?
AI—. THIS IS GETTING INTOLERABLE.
AMBITION
SO TO GAIN THE LEVEL OF INFLUENCE NECESSARY TO FREQUENT FOREIGN MEDIA, SHE NEEDS BOTH WEALTH AND UNDENIABLE TALENT AS A TOP-NOTCH JOURNALIST.
THE IDEAL REPORTER LIVES ON THE FRONT LINES OF POLITICS SCOOPING OUT SCANDAL AND CORRUPTION WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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HUH?
PERHAPS YOU WILL THINK IT A BIT BENEATH YOUR TASTES, BUT SWEET PEANUT JELLIES ARE A FAIRLY FAMOUS SNACK IN SHIN-CHIBAGAWA.
AH, YES. I DROPPED BY EARLIER TO LEAVE YOU A WELCOMING GIFT FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT
I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO DEAL WITH A PLACE LIKE THIS...

I DO RECALL.
LEAVING IT ON THIS TABLE HERE.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THE DELAY...
VERY GOOD
HUH?
HUH?

MUNCH MUNCH
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也重と引き合います

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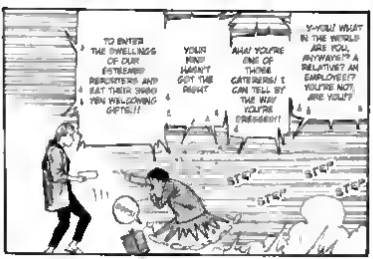
WHAT? I LEFT ONE FOR THE PRINTHOUSE LADY, DIDN'T I?
"SRIGHT THERE.
WEREN'T THERE MORE IN THE BOX JUST A MOMENT AGO!?
Y-YOU ATE ALL TWELVE OF THEM ALREADY!?

[TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: THE SECRETARY'S REAL NAME IS SARUWATA, BUT KUMATSU IS CALLING HIM SARUWATA-MONKEY + THEN.]


TO ENTER THE DWELLINGS OF OUR ESTEEMED REPORTERS AND EAT THEIR SWEET TEN WELCOMING GIFTS!!
YOUR MIND HASN'T GOT THE RIGHT
WHAT YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE CATERERS! I CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOU'RE DRESSED!
Y-YOU! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU, ANYWAYS!? A RELATIVE? AN EMPLOYEE!? YOU'RE NOT, ARE YOU!?
STG
STG
STG

Y-YES, ?
BUT THIS CATERER RUINED YOUR WELCOMING...
IT'S ALRIGHT AS A JOURNALIST IT ISN'T AS IF I CAN ACCEPT THIS SORT OF GIFT ANYWAY
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SAKAGAMI-SENSEI IS ONE OF THE FEW HONEST POLITICIANS OF OUR TIMES. THE FAULT FOR MISGUIDEDLY PREPARING THIS GIFT RESTS SOLELY ON MYSELF.
UH, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR THIS SEEMING UNDERHANDEDNESS, BUT I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WASN'T MY INTENT..
.....
I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO TELL THIS SAKAGAMI-SENSEI AS WELL.
AS A MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL PRIDE, I ACCEPT NO GIFTS... AND ESPECIALLY NOT FROM THOSE RELATED IN ANY WAY TO POLITICS.

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NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF, LADY.
AIN'T AS IF HE'S BRIBIN' YOU OR NUTHIN'. IT'S JUST SOME SWEETS.
..MAY I ASK WHY'RE YOU STILL HERE?
WHY? 'CUZ I JUST AM.
HAD A LONG TRIP, AND I'M JUST BUMMIN' ABOUT A LITTLE.
I'M GONNA BE LIVIN' RIGHT NEAR HERE, SO I FIGURED YOU'D WANT SOME NEIGHBORLY COMPANY AND ALL...
FRIG NO NEED TO ACT LIKE WE'RE STRANGERS
BATAM...
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT
YOU'VE HAD YOUR SWEETS NOW SO COULD YOU JUST GET THE HELL OUT?

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UGHH
THE LOCK'S BROKEN AS WELL
SQUEEK
SHOULD'VE KNOWN THIS PLACE WOULD HAVE ONE OF THESE SQUAT-TERS.
DOES THE THING EVEN FLUSH?
I'VE STEPPED INTO A BATH-ROOM LIKE THIS.
FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE
NOTHING HERE TO REPORT ON EXCEPT MAYBE SOME SENIOR CITIZEN DYING OR SOME FIRE OR THEFT OR PERVERT...
MEKI MEKI
MOI, THE RISING STAR OF JOURNALISM, DELEGATED TO A COUNTRYSIDE SHITHOLE IN ORDER TO MAN SOME JOKE OF A 'BRANCH OFFICE' IN A RICEFIELD SHACK
BTHER WAY THE COMPA-NY'S BEING PRETTY ROUGH WITH ME.

BAM!
YOU IN THERE!?
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OI, LADY. FORGOT TO TELL YA'.
I'LL DELIVER YER PORSCHE PERSONALLY WHEN THE BOYS GET IT FIXED UP. NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!
.....
BATAN!
SEE YA!
AND DON'T YOU FORGET TO WIPE YER ASS!
CA CA CA

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Don't you dare return until you've attained your dreams...

Kunimitsu...

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JIN! CALL BACK IF YOU NEED US, KUNIMITSU!
WE'RE COUNTIN' ON YOU, KUNIMITSU!! MAKE THE TOWN PROUD!!
WE'LL DO EVERY-THING WE CAN TO HELP YOU!!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE SHOP, SON. TATSU-SAN AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF IT UNTIL YOU RETURN
KUNIM-ITSU!!
TAKE IT WITH YOU!
IT'S A FAREWELL GIFT, SON!

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Makihara

Mutou Kunimitsu will be

Member of the House of Representatives

To Sakamoto Ryoma Sensei

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OH, YEAH! HE WAS THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER!
!
GWA HA HA HA HA HA
POW
But why am I under the impression he was in a WAR? Am I not?
HM?
Sakagami Ryoma San
I'VE HEARD THIS NAME BEFORE SOMEWHERE

-TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: HE MISTAKES SAKAGAMI RYOMA WITH SAKAMOTO RYOMA, A POLITICIAN WHO EXISTED BEFORE THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SYSTEM BEGAN. SAKAMOTO RYOMA WAS NOT A PRIME MINISTER. HE ALSO MISTAKES THE PERSON FOR SAKAMOTO RYUGHI, A MEMBER OF YMO (YELLOW MAGIC ORCHESTRA) WHICH WAS CREATED IN 1980 AND STILL EXISTS TODAY.-

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YEP, LIKE I SAID
AH..
CAUSE
HMM?
KYA
MR. WIND'S A PERVERT
BWA
ALRIGHTY! I'LL ASK THESE CHICKS FOR DIRECTIONS!
高麦
DARN IT
YEAH
FOR REAL?
LIES!
IT AIN'T LIKE IT'LL KILL ME TO WAIT FER ANOTHER GUST O' WIND SO.
tot tot
STILL
BUT?
tot tot tot...
AND THEN
BWA
tot tot tot...

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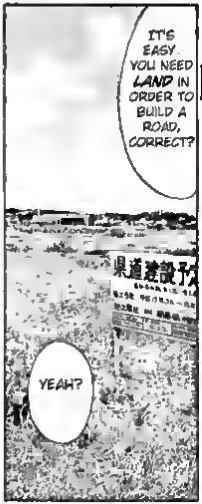
IT ISN'T LIKE WE GOT ANY REAL TRAFFIC AROUND 'ERE
WHAT I DON'T GET IS WHY THEY WANNA BUILD A ROAD THAT DOESN'T GO NOWHERE TO BEGIN WITH
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE BUILDING A ROAD THERE, SEE?
IT'S OUR FREAKIN' TAXES 'COURT I DON'T SEE WHAT GIVES 'EM THE RIGHT TO JUST TAKE IT AWAY FROM US FOR NO GOOD REASON.
BUT DON'TCHA THINK IT'S LIKE TOTALLY UNFAIR, ASUKA?

YOU SAYING SOMEBODY'S GETTIN' RICH OFF BUILDING ROADS TO NOWHERE? NOW DO YA FIGURE THAT?
HUH?


IT'S EASY YOU NEED LAND IN ORDER TO BUILD A ROAD, CORRECT?
YEAH?

THE ROAD NEEDS TO BE BUILT BECAUSE SOMEBODY WANTS TO SEE A FEW MORE DIGITS IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT THERE ISN'T ANY TRAFFIC ...

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THE SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS ARE SITUATED ON A PIECE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY
IF THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT WANTS TO REMOVE THE COURTS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION, THEY NEED TO FIRST PURCHASE THE PROPERTY RIGHTS FROM THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE LAND
YEAH. AND?
HEY, HOLD ON A SEC!
IT'S VERY PROFITABLE DOING BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT
HOW MUCH EXACTLY? ACCORDING TO THE "LOAN-PULSORY LAND PURCHASE LAW" UP TO FIFTY MILLION YEN
BECAUSE THE BUYER IN THIS CASE IS THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT THOUGH, A LARGE PORTION OF THAT TAX IS WAIVED
UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES TAXATION REDUCES THE PROFIT MADE ON PROPERTY SALE TO A FRACTION OF THE AGREED PRICE
AND OVERNIGHT THE SELLERS OF THE LAND BECOME INCREDIBLY RICH
UH HUH

BUT WHAT THE HELL'S THE GOVERNMENT DOIN' TAKING MONEY FROM HONEST FOLKS JUST SELLIN' THEIR OWN LAND?
I GET ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT TAX BEIN' THE MONEY YOU PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT...

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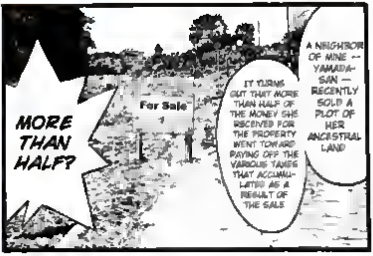
MORE THAN HALF?
For Sale
IT TURNS OUT THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE MONEY THIS RECEIVED FOR THE PROPERTY WENT TOWARD PAYING OFF THE VARIOUS TAXES THAT ACCUMULATED AS A RESULT OF THE SALE
A NEIGHBOR OF MINE -- YAMADA-SAN -- RECENTLY SOLD A PLOT OF HER ANCESTRAL LAND

A TAX IS LEVIED UPON ANY PROPERTY SALE WHERE THE AGREED PRICE IS HIGHER THAN WHAT THE SELLER ORIGINALLY PAID
THAT'S "NORMALLY" THE RULE.
IT DOESN'T JUST APPLY TO LAND

IF YOU GET DOWN TO IT, THE SALARIES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND LEGISLATURE ARE PAYED OUT OF THE POCKETS OF THE PEOPLE.
AH...

STATE MANAGED HEALTH RESORTS ARE ALSO BUILT AND MAINTAINED OFF THE SAME PAYROLL.
LIKE I SAID, IT'S USED TO FUND PUBLIC WORKS LIKE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SO FORTH.
WHAT THE HELL'S THE COUNTRY DOING TAKIN' SO MUCH MONEY FROM THE PEOPLE?

YEAH, YEAH.

I PAY MY INCOME TAXES TOMES
WHO GETS THE FINAL SAY ON THE PORK THAT MAKES IN THE CASH?
IN THIS LIGHT PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION IS REALLY A LOT LIKE A TREE WITH LEAVES OF MONEY
MY MONEY TREE IS UP THERE TO ME?
THE CIVIL SERVANTS OUR TEAR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

AND IF THESE FIRMS MANAGE TO SECURE A CONTRACT, THEIR PROFIT IS PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED.
BUT, GETTING BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING EARLIER... THE GOVERNMENT PURCHASES PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM LANDOWNERS IN ORDER TO BUILD PUBLIC WORKS WHO DO THEY EMPLOY TO PERFORM THE CONSTRUCTION?
PUBLIC CONTRACTORS, YES?

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"I WOULD LIKE TO PUT UP MY PROPERTY FOR USE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS." OR, "I OFFER YOU THE FULL SERVICES OF OUR FIRM, SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO GRANT US A CONTRACT."
THE ASSEMBLYMEN AND THE SERVANTS OF THE STATE ARE THUS QUITE OFTEN ASKED TO CONSIDER SUCH OFFERS AS
THEIR ACTIONS ARE IN TURN DICTATED BY THE WILL OF THE POLITICIANS IN THE LEGISLATURE

GIFTS? LIKE CANDIES OR SOMETHIN'?
OF COURSE NOT, SILLY!
MONEY! THE EXCHANGE OF YEN ON THE ORDER OF COUNTLESS MILLIONS IS THE TUNE TO WHICH THE WORLD GOES ROUND! CAN CANDIES EVEN COME CLOSE TO DOING THE SAME?

OF COURSE, THE ONES WHO MAKE THESE OFFERS TYPICALLY APPROACH THEIR PROSPECTIVE PATRONS BEARING GIFTS OF NO SMALL WEIGHT...
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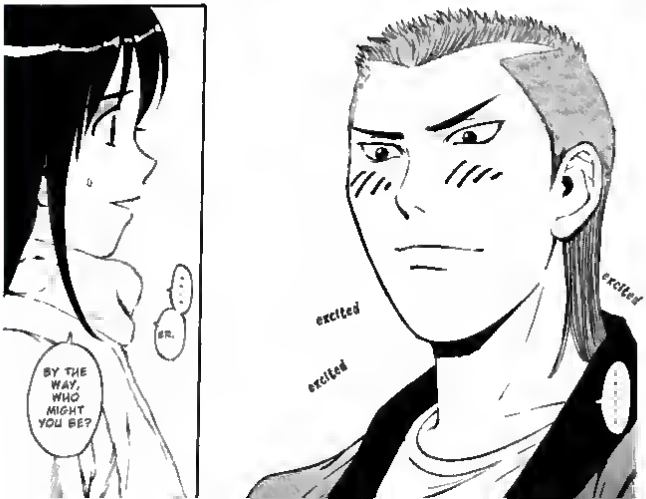

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BAK
I'M THE MAN THAT'LL CHANGE JAPAN!
OH ME?
PAPAPA PAN PAN
PAN PAN
PARARRA PARARRA
OI, OI! WAIT UP, LADIES!!
I'D FIGURE IF THE SCHOOL'S GETTIN' MONEY OFF THE DEAL, THEY SHOULD GO AND BUILD US A NEW ONE.
SO I WAS SAYING IF THEY SELL OFF THE COURTS THAT MEANS WE WON'T HAVE NO PLACE FOR OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES ANYMORE, RIGHT?
HMMM? AIN'T THAT
STOP
IF IT AIN'T NO TROUBLE MIND GIVIN' ME SOME DIRECTIONS?
I'M LOOKIN' FER A LIL SAKAGAMI JIRO? NO WAIT. RYOMA SAKAGAMI RYOMA OF AZEMICHI-CHO NIRAN, NUMBER 5963.
EH?
ST ARE
HMM?

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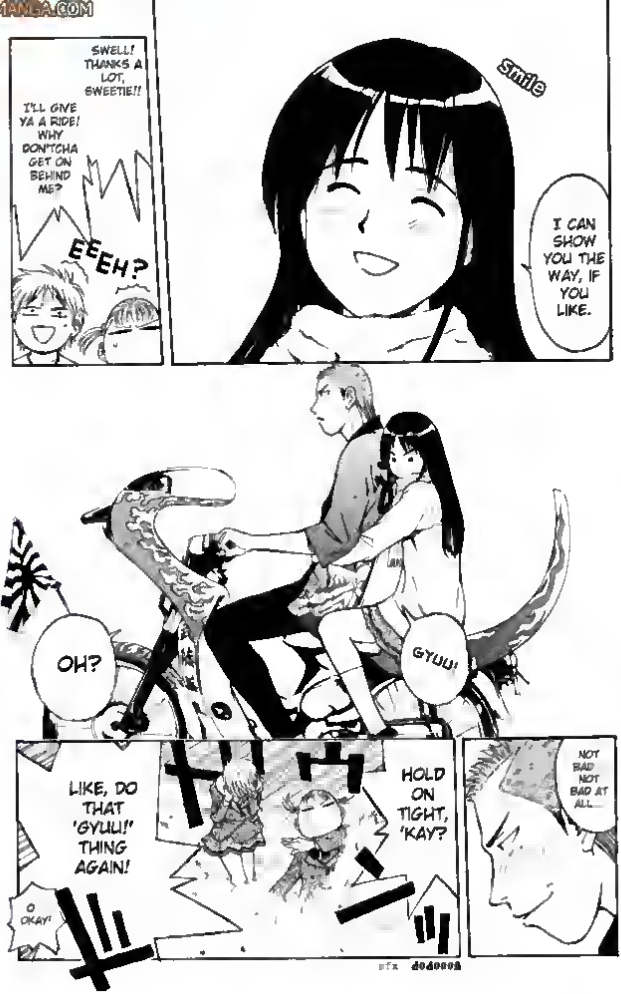
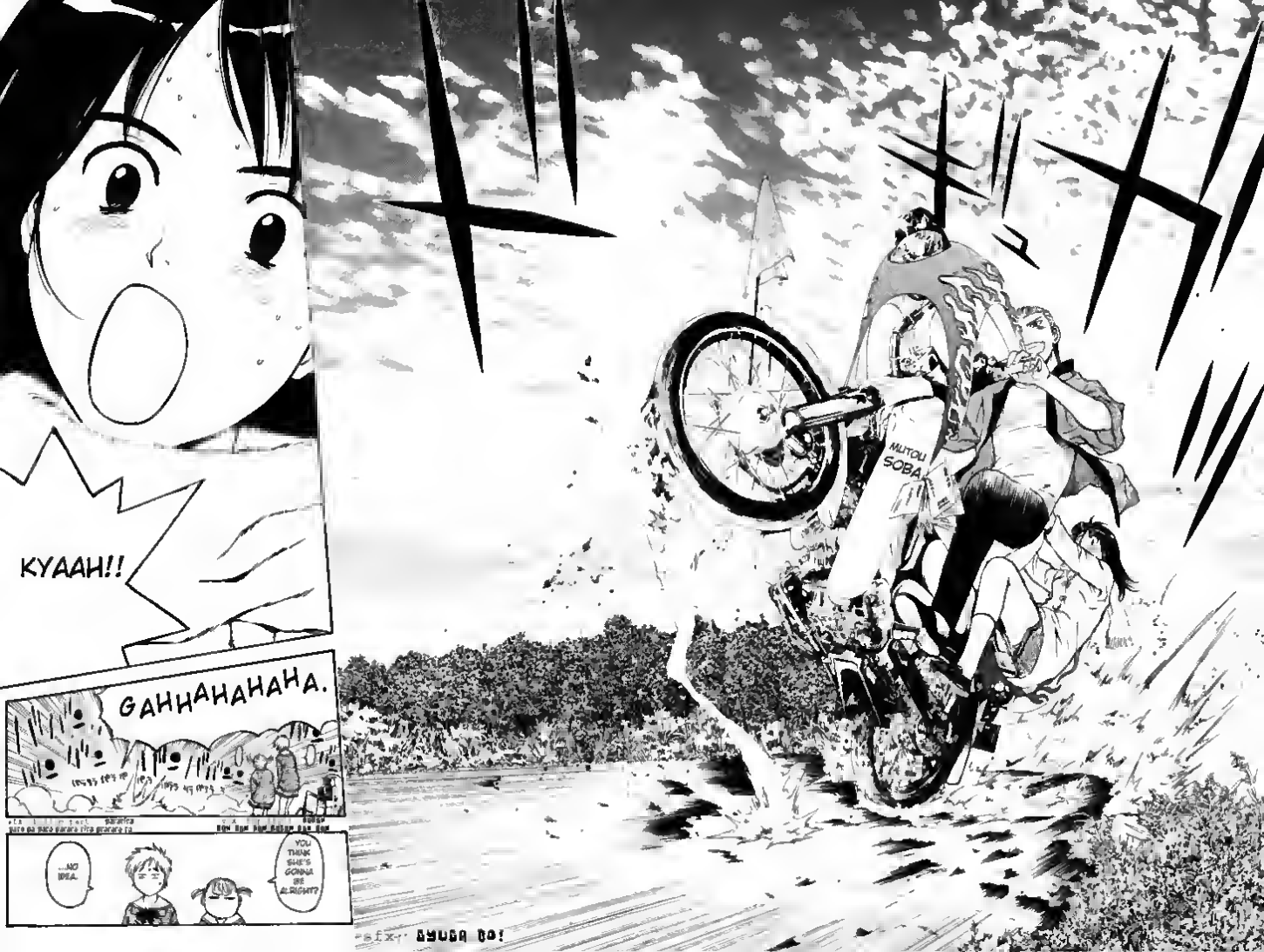

SWELL! THANKS A LOT, SWEETIE!!
I'LL GIVE YA A RIDE! WHY DON'TCHA GET ON BEHIND ME?
EEEH?
Smile
I CAN SHOW YOU THE WAY, IF YOU LIKE.
OH?
GYUU!
LIKE, DO THAT 'GYUU!' THING AGAIN!
O OKAY!
HOLD ON TIGHT, 'KAY?
NOT BAD NOT BAD AT ALL...


KYAAH!!
GAHHAHAHAHA.
...NO WAY.
YOU THINK SHE'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT?
MUTOU SOBA
-sfx- GYUUN DO!

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THE SCENERY'S PRETTY DECENT AROUND 'ERE. NICE LITTLE TOWN, FEELS LIKE.
THESE BACKWATERS AIN'T ALL THAT BAD, ACTUALLY...

THERE'S A PERFECTLY DECENT FREE ROAD RIGHT HERE.
WHO'D ACTUALLY WANNA GO AND PAY THE FARE?
THE HIGHWAY THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO THIS ROAD IS THE YUMEHAMA TURNPIKE
300 YEN, ONE-WAY
THAT MUCH? CRIPES.
WHO INDEED?
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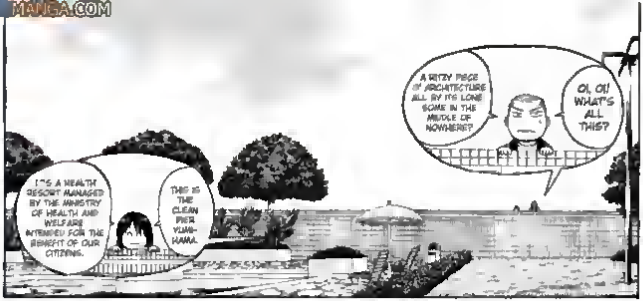
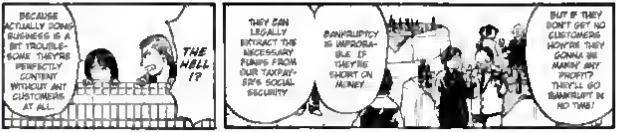

A RITZY PIECE OF ARCHITECTYLURE ALL BY ITS LONE SOME IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE?
OI, OI! WHAT'S ALL THIS?
THIS IS THE CLEAN PIER YUMI-HAMA.
IT'S A WEALTH DESCENT MANAGED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE INTENDED FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CITIZENS.

WHAT THE HELL IS IT DOIN' HERE?
COMPARED TO WHAT WE SAW ON THE DRIVE OVER, THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' SPECIAL ABOUT THE SCENERY AROUND HERE. THEY CHOSE THE LOCATION CUZ THEY'VE GOT HOT SPRINGS OR SOMETHIN'?
NOPE
I DON'T SEE WHY ANYONE WOULD DRIVE ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR NOTHING
THEN WHY NOT BUILD IT BACK WHERE THE HIGHWAY IS? YOU GET A BETTER VIEW OF YUMI-HAMA.

WHAT THE AMAKUDARI?
RETIRED OFFICIALS WHO BENEFIT OFF POLITICAL NEPOTISM, GAINING RE-EMPLOYMENT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHORTLY AFTER DEPARTING FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL SCENE.
SOME PEOPLE THINK OF THEM AS CORRUPT, BUT I'M PRACTICAL ABOUT THE WAY OF THE WORLD!
THE AMAKUDARI OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OPERATE THE FACILITY FOR PROFIT!
IT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T ACTUALLY WANT ANY CUSTOMERS


BECAUSE ACTUALLY DOING BUSINESS IS A BIT TROUBLE-SOME. THEY'RE PERFECTLY CONTENT WITHOUT ANY CUSTOMERS AT ALL.
THE HELL!?
THEY CAN LEGALLY EXTRACT THE NECESSARY FUNDS FROM OUR TAXPAY-ER'S SOCIAL SECURITY
BANKRUPTCY IS IMPOSSIBLE IF THEY'RE SHORT ON MONEY
BUT IF THEY DON'T GET NO CUSTOMERS, HOW'RE THEY GONNA BE MAKIN' ANY PROFIT? THEY'LL GO BANKRUPT IN NO TIME!

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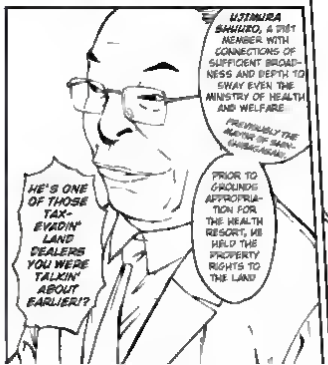
OF COURSE, I MIGHT BE READING TOO MUCH INTO THIS. YOU UNDERSTAND
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO PROFIT FROM THIS ARE THE AMAKUDARI AND THE CONTRACTORS WHO BUILT THE FACILITY
IT'S A FAIRLY COMMON PRACTICE FOR FACILITIES LIKE THIS TO RUN CONSISTENTLY IN THE RED. NOTHING TO BE SURE PROBED AT ...
THAT'S ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING! WHAT ABOUT THE TAXPAYERS THAT PAY FOR THESE GUYS!? DON'T THEY GOT NUTTIN' TO SAY ABOUT IT!?

THAT SLIMY LOOKING ONE
YEP.
HMMM? YOU KNOW HIM, MISSY?


UJIMURA SHUJIRO, A DIET MEMBER WITH CONNECTIONS OF SUFFICIENT BROADNESS AND DEPTH TO SWAY EVEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.
PREVIOUSLY THE MAYOR OF SHIN-HAKUBA-MURA.
PRIOR TO GROUNDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE HEALTH RESORT, HE HELD THE PROPERTY RIGHTS TO THE LAND
HE'S ONE OF THOSE TAX-EVADIN' LAND DEALERS YOU WERE TALKIN' ABOUT EARLIER!?

UJIMURA...

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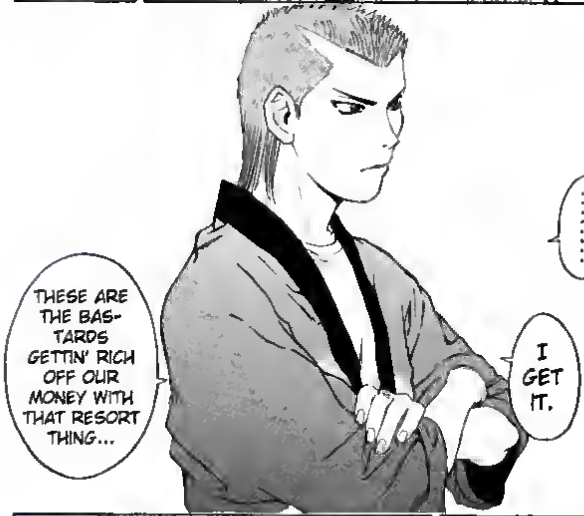
THE VARIOUS SLEEZY GENTLEMEN BEGGED HIM AND COUNCILMEN AND BUREAUCRATS INTERCEDED PARTIES WITH SOME DEGREES OF INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AFFAIR.
THE REST ARE RANKING EXECUTIVES FROM THE FIRM CONTRACTED FOR BUILDING OF THE RESORT

MAYOR? THE GUY LOOKS MORE LIKE A CONVICT
YOU SEE THAT PERSON NEXT TO HIM, POURING WINE? THE SEEPING-LOOKING ONE WITH THE MUSTACHE AND THE MOLE ON HIS FORE HEAD. THAT'S GOKITA SUSUMU.
HE'S OUR CURRENT MAYOR.



!?
LET ME HAVE AT IT! THAT I MIGHT REMOVE ITS STING FROM YOUR PRECIOUS BEHIND! THERE'S A GOOD GIRL!
Su
Su
Su
Su
OH MY DEAR LASS! I SEE THAT A BEE HAS MADE ITS LANDING UPON THE YOUR MOST SPLENDID KIMONO!

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rustle rustle rustle
rustle rustle rustle rustle
NO, SENSEI...
AHA! I DO BELIEVE IT HAS WORMED ITS WAY INTO THE FOLDS OF YOUR BOSOM!
FULL
KYAAH!!

SHIN-CHIBAGARAKI ORCHESTRA
THIS EVENT WAS ARRANGED COURTESY THE EFFORTS OF MAYOR KORITA, WITHOUT WHOM NONE OF TONIGHT'S FESTIVITIES WOULD BE POSSIBLE
THE SELECTIONS OF VIANDS WE'VE INCLUDED IN OUR BUFFET TODAY WERE PREPARED FOR US BY THE CULINARY STAFF OF THE SHIN-CHIBAGA-RAKI GRAND HOTEL.

jaja~n

EVERYTHING FROM THE HOSTESSES, TO THE LUCRATIVE CATERING TO THE EXPENSIVE WINES. THIS IS WHAT OUR TAX IS GOING TOWARDS.
AND ALL THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOUR EYES WAS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PEOPLE. DRAWN FROM THE TAXES PLACED INTO THE NATIONAL TREASURY...

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: THE CHARACTER FOR POLITICS CAN BE READ "SEI." BUT HERE IT IS PRONOUNCED AS "MATSURI." "MATSURI" CAN ALSO BE READ TO MEAN "FESTIVAL."
GRIN
MATSURI?
POLI-TICS...

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AIN'T SURPRISIN', CONSIDERIN' THAT THE BLOOD AND SWEAT OF THE PEOPLE WENT INTO THIS STUFF.
THE GRUB'S FECKIN' AWESOME!!
THE TASTE'S JUST OUT OF THIS WORLD!
I GET IT... THIS IS THAT WORLD-CLASS DELICACY I'VE ONLY HEARD OF IN LEGENDS!!
LEGGER, NOW... THE FUCK ARE THESE TINY LITTLE BLACK THINGS?
GET THAT PUNK OUTTA HERE!!!
WOO HOO!
CAVIAR!!
COMMON FOLK GO FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE WITHOUT COMIN' WITHIN A MILE OF THIS SHIT!!
YA' GOT SEAFOOD FROM ISE THAT'S SO FRICKIN' FRESH I CAN FEEL IT MOVIN' AROUND IN MY HANDS!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, FUCKER!? HOW THE HELL DID YOU GET IN!?
IF YOU AIN'T AFFILIATED WITH THE COMPANY, YOU AIN'T ALLOWED IN HERE!!
WANT ME TO CALL THE COPPERS ON YA!?

PUNK!!
PUNK !!
WHO THE FUCK GAVE YA THE PERMIS-SION TO EAT THIS STUFF!?
TH-TH-THAT'S RIGHT, BRAT!!

GET...
...PER-MISSION?

YOU FUCKERS BOUGHT THIS SHIT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CITIZENS' SOCIAL SECURITY. YOU'RE PARTYING AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR LABOR.
YOU EXPECT ME TO JUST SIT DOWN AND TAKE IT!? I HAVE A RIGHT TO EAT THIS SHIT!!
.....!!

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FORMERLY SECRETARY TO REPRESENTATIVE UJIMURA, THE GENTLEMAN BESIDE ME
MY NAME IS FUWA SHUNICHI. PLEASED TO MEET YOU
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
WELL SAID
YOU DO HAVE A POINT
CHO
AH?
AND YOU ARE?
AHA. THE GREASEBALL'S LAP DOG, EH?
KUA
KUA
KUA
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHO YOU'RE INSULTING?? FUWA-SENSEI'S THE MAYOR-TO-BE!
PLEASE HAD TO FIGHT FOR FLAT TERU
WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
I'M ANY CASE
政
PULL
MUTOU KUNIMITSU.
I'M THE MAN THAT'LL CHANGE JAPAN!

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YOU AREN'T YET A CONTRIBUTOR TO SOCIAL SECURITY, ARE YOU?
AH?
FORGIVE MY PRESUMPTION, BUT I TAKE IT THAT YOU'RE STILL A MINOR. ARE YOU EVEN TWENTY YET?

WA HA HA HA -HA HA
WHAT NOW BRAT!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
HAHA RIGHT INDEED!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
I WOULDN'T EXPECT ANYTHING LESS OF A TOKIDAI GRADUATE
ISN'T IT SO?
IMPRESSIVE FUMA SENSEI! YOUR REPUTATION TRULY DOES GO YOU JUSTICE.
CLAP CLAP
GO HOME!
CLAP CLAP
GET LOST, PUNK!

KUH...
.....

GUUU!

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YA PRICKS...
SHUT THE FUCK UP.
GLAD THAT WE HAVE SUCH ACADEMIC TALENT AMONGST THE NEW BLOOD! FUMA-SENSEI'S SOPHISTICATION IS QUITE AN EYE-OPENER!!

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I CAN TELL THAT MUCH JES' BY LOOKIN' AT YER UGLY MUGS!
WHAT THE HELL GIVES YOU PARASITES THE RIGHT TO TREAT THIS TOWN LIKE YER OWN PRIVATE SMORGAS-BORD?

I, MUTOU KUNIM-ITSU,
WILL NEVER ALLOW THAT!!

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I WANT THIS PUNK ARRESTED!!
AFTER HIM!!
SOMEBODY GET SECURITY!!

POW
GOU
GOU
BWAN
HYO
HYO HYO HYO

HURRY!
OVER HERE!!

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YEEEE
YAHOO——!

YOUNG-STERS THESE DAYS.
WHO WAS THAT BRAT!?
ARE FROM A MOTORCYCLE GANG?

Pararira Pararira Para
BWAN!

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THAT GIRL...
THAT WAS GREAT!!
EH?
PAN PAPAN
PAPAN PAN PAPA
PAPAPAN
Paparapa parapapa

WHY DON'TCHA MARRY ME THEN? KA-KA-KA-KA.
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

YOU'RE THE BEST!
OH YEAH?

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...ONLY IF YOU REALLY INTEND TO CHANGE JAPAN!
BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE NOT JUST BRAG-GING...
SILLY GIRL!!
NEVER GOES BACK ON HIS WORD!!
MUTOH KUNIMITSU

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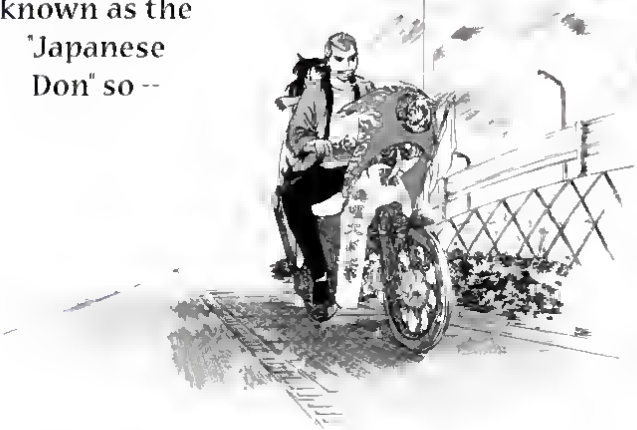
And thus the legend starts...

At the age of eighteen, Mutou Kunimitsu sets out to change the nation.

The "Matsuri*" of the man later to be known as the "Japanese Don" so --



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*THIS ISN'T TRUE, BY THE WAY. (THE EDITOR)

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気付いちまったぜ!
"ニッポンは腐ってる"ってよぉ!

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波乱万丈、世直しものがたり、
ここに開幕!

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皆さん、皆元と一緒に
この国について考えていきましょ～。
次回、この柄にいよいよ安貴夕馬氏、登場!

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